

March 10, 2025

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday March 10, 2025, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Gerald Schaeffer, Mac Green, Lisa Hogan, Dawn Hutchins, Lorie Robertson, City Attorney John Verkamp and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Visitors present were Randy Toon, Jeremy Smith, Dwayne Wallace, Kirk Barber, Sydney Hockaday, Toby Beavers, and Paul Sanders

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P. M. Mayor Hugh Hardgrave led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mac Green led the prayer.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the February regular meeting. Lisa Hogan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as printed. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Updates from Mayor Hardgrave: ARDOT Tap Grant Hwy 96 Sidewalk project design phase is 30% complete. ABC Recycling Center had 306 customers in February, 606 Year to date. Pickle ball court project is beginning this week. Community wildfire protection plan update.

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department answered 436 calls in February. LPD issued 2 tickets and 24 warnings. There were 4 arrests made in the month of February.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to: 4 fire calls and 37 EMS calls in February.

Agenda Item #1 – Consider proposed ordinance 2025-01 to waive competitive bidding to purchase a Fire Truck. This would allow the Fire Dept to purchase a 2007 Smeal Spartan Pumper Fire Truck from North Central Emergency Vehicles at a purchase price of up to \$275,000. Lisa Hogan made a motion to introduce proposed ordinance 2025-01. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Lorie Robertson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Lorie Robertson made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Proposed ordinance 2025-01 passed.

Agenda Item #2 – Consider request to purchase turn out gear for the Fire Dept. Council members reviewed an estimate from Siddons- Martin Emergency Group for some replacement turn out gear that is needed in the amount of \$15,601.75. Lorie Robertson made a motion to approve the purchase. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mike Ray wanted to recognize Kirk Barber for his time and negotiation to find us the Fire truck we needed for 10% off the asking price and arranging for the transport of the new truck.

Mayor Hardgrave asked if anyone in attendance had anything they wished to discuss. Toby Beavers wanted to let the council know he will be stepping down as Chief of Big Creek Fire Dept effective 5/1/25.

Gerald Schaefer made a motion to pay the bills for the month of March. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

With no further business on the agenda Mac Green made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned

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Mayor

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Attest: Recorder